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**"DETAILED DESCRIPTION"****IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-9 and add claim 10 as follows:

*sub c.)* 10. (New) A turnbuckle device for mutually clamping two concrete shell elements across a joint therebetween, the concrete shell elements each including a frame with longitudinal and transverse struts, said turnbuckle device comprising:

means for retaining said turnbuckle device on one of the longitudinal and transverse struts and positioning said turnbuckle device across abutting edges of the concrete shell elements;

a first lock part including a stationary first claw for engaging one of the frames, the first claw being configured for direct engagement with the respective frame;

a second lock part pivotally disposed with respect to said first lock part and including a second claw configured for direct engagement with another of the frames;

arresting means for limiting a pivoting range of said second lock part in order that the second claw prevents release of the turnbuckle device from the concrete shell element and optimally limits movability of the turnbuckle device.

11. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 1 wherein said arresting means is further operable for

enabling the turnbuckle device to be removed for the concrete shell element.

12. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein said first lock part comprises comprising stationary first claws and said means for retaining comprises archings, said archings protruding from inner surfaces of the stationary claws.

13. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the opposing archings are offset from each other with a distance between the archings being larger than a width of the longitudinal or the transverse strut.

14. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 12 wherein the archings are formed oppositely on inner surface of the stationary claws.

15. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the retaining means comprises a shackle which projects from a rod-shaped body which holds and displaceably guides the first lock part, and device further comprises a bolt mounting means for insertion into a first opening in the shackle.

16. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 10 or 11 wherein the retaining means comprises a pivoting and/or tilting lever which is disposed on the stationary claws or in the region of the stationary claws.

17. (New) The turnbuckle device according to claim 16 wherein the arresting means comprises a wedge which, being displaced in the direction of force of gravity, blocks the

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pivotable second claw in a pivoted inner position state and  
clamps the turnbuckle device for mutual clamping of two  
concrete shell elements, and when displaced against the  
force of gravity, releases the pivotable second claw for  
pivoting and displacement with respect to the first  
stationary claw.

REMARKS

Amended to the specification and claims is made to  
conform the application to U.S. practice. No new matter  
has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the  
changes made to the specification and claims by the current  
amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with  
markings to show changes made."

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